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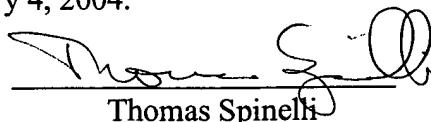
1. U.S. Patent No. 4,227,532 dated October 14, 1980 issued to Bluhm et al.;
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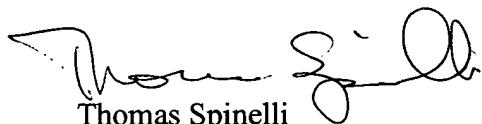
  
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The references were cited in a Search Report dated November 4, 2003 received from the European Patent Office. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), per 1276 OG 55, August 5, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references.

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Respectfully submitted,



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